

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-20, 25, and 27-30 are pending. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 25, and 27 have been allowed, claims 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 18, 20, and 28 have been amended, and claims 2, 21-24, and 26 have been canceled. **Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to acknowledge consideration of the information cited in the IDS filed with the response to the first office action.**

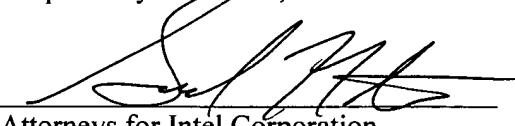
Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 17-20, 29, and 30 would be considered allowable if re-written into independent form to include the features of their base and intervening claims. Claims 18 and 20 have been re-written in this manner. In addition, claim 16 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 17, claim 19 has been left to depend from claim 18, and claims 29 and 30 depend from claim 28, which has been amended to depend from allowed claim 25. Also, claims 6, 9, 12, and 13 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments are sufficient to overcome the rejections and objections in the Office Action, and to thereby place the application into condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 16-0607 and credit any excess fees to the same Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,


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